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Proposed Am't**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**To: Examiner Anh Ly (Fax No.: 571-273-4039)From: Jarrett L. Silver (Reg. No.: 60,239)App. No.: 09/923,440 Our Ref.: 110331Number of Pages Sent (Including cover sheet): 2Prepared By: jzs**Comments:**

Please see enclosed proposed amendments to claim 1.

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Application No. 09/923,440

Proposed Amendments to Claim 1:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An object management method for performing access control for a stored object, the method comprising the steps of:

defining a retrieval condition for retrieving an object, the retrieval condition indicating the object and being defined based on at least one attribute of the object;

setting an access right in association with the retrieval condition;

setting an identifier for identifying the object, the identifier associated with the object in a one-to-one relationship; and

in response to an access request from a user for the object matching the retrieval condition and the identifier, performing access control on the basis of the access right right by giving the user access to the object that matches the retrieval condition,

wherein the step of performing access control further comprises the steps of:

performing a check, when a request for access to an object occurs, to see whether the identifier of the object has been set in association with the retrieval condition,
controlling access to the access-requested object on the basis of the access right that has been set in association with the retrieval condition if a result of the check indicates that the identifier of the access-requested object has been set in association with the retrieval condition, and

the association between the retrieval condition and the identifier is changed when addition, modification, or deletion of the object identified by the identifier occurs.